

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1.-4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

an imaging part for capturing an image of a subject;

a selector for selecting one of a recording mode and a reproducing mode;

a recording part for recording the image captured by the imaging part on a recording medium upon receiving a command to record in the recording mode;

a reproducing part for reproducing an image from the recording medium in the reproducing mode;

a monitor for displaying an image;

a display controller for controlling the monitor to display the image captured by the imaging part on a first area on the monitor in the recording mode, and to display the image reproduced from the recording medium on a second area on the monitor in the reproducing mode, the first area being smaller than the second area; and ~~The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:~~

a touch panel arranged over the monitor;

wherein, in the recording mode, the display controller determines an area on the monitor covered with a hand of an operator by the touch panel and bounds the first area on the monitor such that the first area excludes the covered area.

6.-9. (Canceled):

10. (Original) A camera comprising:

an imaging part for capturing an image of a subject;

a monitor for displaying the image captured by the imaging part;

a touch panel arranged over the monitor; and

a display controller for determining, by the touch panel, an area on the monitor hidden by a matter touching the touch panel, and controlling the monitor to display the image on an area on the monitor excluding the hidden area.

11. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a grip to be held by a hand of an operator, the grip being arranged at a front of a body of the camera;

wherein the monitor is arranged at a back of the body of the camera and extends to a part opposite to the grip.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

an imaging part for capturing an image of a subject;

a selector for selecting one of a recording mode and a reproducing mode;

a recording part for recording the image captured by the imaging part on a recording medium upon receiving a command to record in the recording mode;

a reproducing part for reproducing an image from the recording medium in the reproducing mode;

a monitor for displaying an image; and

a display controller for controlling the monitor to display the image captured by the imaging part on a first area on the monitor in the recording mode, and to display the image reproduced from the recording medium on a second area on the monitor in the reproducing mode, the first area being smaller than the second area~~The camera as set forth in claim 1,~~ wherein the display includes a third area wherein the third area is a marginal area on the display in which no image data appears and thereby provides a gripping area for the operator during the recording mode.

14.-21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

a selector for selecting one of a recording mode and a reproducing mode;

a reproducing part for reproducing an image from the recording medium in the reproducing mode; and

a monitor arranged at the back of the body of the camera,

wherein the camera is gripped, in at least one of the recording mode, wherein a part of the back of the body of the camera is covered while a member which is necessary for picture taking is kept uncovered by a hand of an operator and, the reproducing mode, the back of the body of the camera is kept uncovered by the hand of the operator while a front of the body of the camera is covered; and

wherein the monitor is arranged at such a position that a part of the monitor is covered by the hand of the operator if the camera is gripped in the recording mode whereas the entire area of the monitor is uncovered by the hand if the camera is gripped in the reproducing mode. ~~The camera as set forth in claim 21,~~ wherein the camera has two display modes, wherein a first display mode displays an image in the first area of the monitor and a second mode displays an image in the second area of the monitor, an area of display in the monitor for the first area being smaller than the second area, and wherein the camera further comprises a display controller to selectively switch between the first display mode and the second display mode in accordance with the selected gripping manner in the recording mode and the gripping manner in the reproducing mode.

23. (Currently Amended) The camera as set forth in claim ~~21~~ 22, wherein the camera switches the display of the monitor in response to the mode selector selecting one of the recording mode and the reproducing mode.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Previously Presented) The camera as set forth in claim 22, wherein the camera is adapted for the respective capturing and recording in response to the selecting of one of the first display mode while the camera is gripped in the recording mode and the second display mode while the camera is gripped in the reproducing mode.

26.-27. (Canceled).